

Whixall Parish Council

Chairman: Ian Mercer

Minutes of Parish Council's Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2017 at Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:30pm

Present:

Chairman: I Mercer

Councillors: J Hardiman, S Marlow, J Spenser, G Turnbull, B Harris

Shropshire Councillors: C Mellings, P Dee

Clerk: K Hatton

Members of the community: 1 (M Bishop)

119/17 Introduction

Cllr Mercer declared the meeting open.

120/17 Apologies for absence

J Fitton, D Edgerton, M Howard.

121/17 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and requests for dispensation.

None.

122/17 Public Participation

Cllr Mercer invited M Bishop to address the council.

M Bishop introduced himself and requested that the Parish Council consider introducing a 30 miles per hour speed limit on the two main routes through Whixall (Platt Lane and Post Office Lane).

He acknowledged that Shropshire Council had done a good job of resurfacing the roads but also reported that the 'slow' signs have not been re-painted on the road surface.

Cllr Mellings apologised on behalf of the highways dept. for the slow signs not being repainted and said that he would ask for them to be done.

M Bishop made further comments about the loss of facilities and services in Whixall over the years.

Cllr Mercer assured M Bishop that the issue of speed limits can be considered as part of the next meeting agenda.

M Bishop left the meeting.

123/17 Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 13th September 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Spenser that the draft minutes, of the meeting detailed above, were an accurate record. This was seconded by Cllr Turnbull and agreed by all present.

It was resolved that the minutes of 13th September 2017 be signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

124/17 Financial Matters

a) To receive monthly bank balance record.

The Clerk advised the council of the council's bank balances. The amounts stated in the Monthly Balance Record were countersigned by Cllr Mercer as accurate with the bank statement.

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
29 th Sept 2017	Community Account	£8,494.61
	Business Saver Account	£923.94
TOTAL		£9,418.55

- b) To receive the 2nd Quarterly Expenditure Report.
The Cllrs present confirmed that the Expenditure Report had been received and understood. There were no questions.
- c) To resolve to approve outstanding accounts.
Orders for the payment of money (listed below). As per the financial report of the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)/ Clerk were proposed by Cllr Marlow, seconded by Cllr Hardiman and agreed by all present. **RESOLVED.**

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	AMOUNT	LEGAL POWER TO SPEND
11 th October 2017	101156	K Hatton- Clerk's pay for September 2017	£505.90	LGA 1972 s. 112(2)
	101157	C Jones- Grass cutting	£120.00	HA 1980 s.96
	101158	Poppy Appeal- Remembrance Day wreath	£35.00	LGA 1972 s. 137
TOTAL			£660.90	

LGA= Local Government Act

HA= Highways Act

TA=Transport Act

CA=Commons Act

Resolved: The outstanding accounts should be paid and the cheques signed by two authorised councillors.

- d) To resolve to give prior approval for Remembrance Day Wreath from Royal British Legion.
Cllr Mercer proposed that the council pays the Poppy Appeal £35.00 for the poppy wreath. This is a unit cost of £20.00 + £15.00 donation. Seconded by Cllr Spenser and agreed by all.

125/17 Clerk's report

To receive information relating to actions and correspondence since last meeting.

- a) Maintenance of Community Assets.
-Arrangements were made for the painting of the railings at the war memorial.
-Cllr Harris said that he expected to start work on the painting of the phone box in Welsh End very soon.
-Hollinwood Green. General consensus was that lower branches can be removed by Marlot Volunteers to lift crown of trees but to leave height.
- Potential grazer for the Marlot is still being sought.
- b) Planning for upcoming events
- Senior citizens' party checklist was discussed.
- Remembrance Day service plans were discussed.
- c) Report on Shropshire Council's Economic Strategy
-The Clerk provided a verbal report on the event held at Theatre Severn which was a combination of presentations and workshops on the Council's recently launched economic strategy. Several areas in the county are being looked at for economic development: 'M54 corridor', Tern Hill, Ironbridge power station and greenbelt between Telford and Shifnal. There was a positive focus on 'upskilling' the county to maintain and re-balance the county's population.

126/17 Parish Matters

- a) To approve newsletter for print- RESOLVED.
Cllr Mercer proposed that the newsletter is sent to print as per the draft shared with the council. Seconded by Cllr Harris, agreed by all present.

- b) To approve letter to Rotary Club- RESOLVED.
Cllr Mercer proposed that the letter is sent as per the draft with an added invitation to the president to attend. Seconded by Cllr Marlow, agreed by all present.
- c) To consider/ approve letter to Rt Hon. Owen Paterson- RESOLVED.
Cllr Mercer proposed an amendment to the drafted letter pertaining to changes in legislation that may impact on North Salop Wheelers which was seconded by Cllr Turnbull and agreed by all.
- d) To approve draft response to Car park strategy consultation- RESOLVED.
Cllr Spenser proposed that the draft response to the parking strategy should be sent to George Candler and Steve Davenport. Seconded by Cllr Mercer and agreed by all present.
- e) Annual Parish meeting- DISCUSSED.
All were in agreement to move forward with the idea to invite community groups and relevant organisations to the meeting with the view to facilitate closer working and communication, the clerk agreed to produce a list of groups and organisations to invite.

127/17 Councillors Reports

a) Parish Councillors:

Cllr Harris reported the fact that no action had been taken re: the decomposing tree that he reported some time ago. The Clerk agreed to follow up on the matter.

Cllr Mercer provided a verbal report on the recent Helicopter Noise Liaison Group meeting: He shared information relating to RAF Shawbury's investment in training facilities. The Liaison group are keen to connect with the wider community.

Cllr Turnbull provided a verbal report on the recent mobile police station visits at Hollinwood, Social Centre and Stanley Green.

b) Shropshire Councillors:

-Cllr Mellings had distributed a written report to Cllrs prior to the meeting via email, providing updates on the following key issues: Stark's Bridge, Local Plan Review, flooding, Planning Matters: land off Gilberts / Post Office Lane, agricultural workers dwelling at Cumberland Lane and Roving Bridge Farm. Also, highway surface at Canalside, Car Parking Strategy and Business Rates Relief Scheme.

-Cllr Dee provided a verbal report on the following:

1. Correspondence relating to Little Acorn Farm.
2. '20 is plenty' Conference.
3. Licensing seminar – strategy for entertainment.

128/17 Planning

-All planning applications and decisions can be tracked on line at www.shropshire.gov.uk

Applications received- to consider response

- a) Ref: 17/04270/VAR- Variation of condition no.1 pursuant to SC/CC2007/0020 to allow for retention of demountable building for an additional 10 years with the land to be reinstated to its former condition on, or by, 31st August 2027, Whixall C.E. School, Brownsbrook, Whixall, Shropshire, SY13 2SB

Cllr Spenser proposed the following stance and comment, seconded by Cllr Hardiman and agreed by all.

RESOLVED response to Ref: 17/04270/VAR

Stance: Support

Comment: No comment

- b) Ref: 17/03418/FUL- Re-consultation due to Amendment on application - Erection of extension and alterations to facilitate change of use to canal marina and adjacent haulage yard to waterside cafe, erection of 3No. glamping units, formation of track, additional car parking and improvements/extension of workshop building to facilitate narrow boat maintenance at Whixall Marina.

Cllr Mercer proposed the following stance and comment, seconded by Cllr Harris and agreed by all.

RESOLVED response to Ref: 17/03418/FUL

Stance: Support

Comment: No comment

- c) Ref: 17/04193/FUL- Conversion of former domestic garage to a local needs dwelling at Garage at, 4 Platt Lane, Whixall, Shropshire, SY13 2NX

Cllr Harris proposed the following stance and comment, seconded by Cllr Spenser and agreed by all.

RESOLVED response to Ref: 17/04193/FUL

Stance: Object

Comment: In principle the Parish Council wholeheartedly supports the development of affordable housing within the Parish insofar this it is provided in perpetuity under a section 106 agreement. Indeed, the Council has recently supported several developments in this category. The Council notes the reasoning and decision of the Planning Officer.

This renewed application does not address previous reservations e.g. safeguarding sewage disposal and soakaway, as well as addressing off-road parking. Parts of the Full Access Statement are inaccurate e.g. there are no public transport links within the Parish.

The Parish Council considers itself a custodian of the Open Countryside Designation and, in no way, wishes to set a precedent that could be used by others elsewhere. Apart from the intention to use this conversion for section 106 affordable housing we can find no exemptions within policies that can be used in support of this application.

To receive updates on planning enforcements:

- d) Ref: 14/00834/FUL- Reported breach of conditions.

Cllr Harris commented on the case suggesting that planning officers should review the case and the catalogue of conditions breached and processes not followed ought to result in all previous permissions being rescinded.

- e) Ref: 17/05551/ENF - Reported unauthorised development.

No update.

To receive planning application decisions:

- f) Ref: 17/03676/FUL - Erection of a two storey side extension at 1 Mossleigh Well, Whixall, Shropshire, SY13 2SA. **Decision: Grant Permission**

129/17 Consider future agenda items

Traffic speeds, Delegated powers for planning.

Scheduled date of next meeting: **Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 7.30 pm**

The meeting closed at 9:58pm